

Curious about the state and local tax developments after two busy years of fiscal sessions? Wondering how federal activity can impact states and state taxes? Have a few questions for Secretary Bridges from the Louisiana Department of Revenue? **Get the answers to all of your questions at the First Annual 2008 Louisiana State and Local Tax Workshop!**

You Won't Want to Miss These Exciting Sessions!

- **Louisiana Department of Revenue Update** with Secretary Cynthia Bridges
- **An Update on the Streamlined Sales Tax** with Scott Peterson
- **Federal Activity and the Potential Impact on States and State Tax Trends** with Harley Duncan and Joe Huddleston

- **Legislative Update** with Robert Angelico
- **Hot Topics in Tax Litigation and Audits** with Louis S. Nunes, III, JD, Kimberly L. Robinson, JD, and Shone Pierre, JD.
- **State E-Filing Initiatives** with Rick Mekdessie and Jesse Pettyjohn
- **State Tax Policy Issues From a Business Perspective** with Fred Nicely, MBA, JD

HOTEL INFORMATION

Embassy Suites Hotel, 4914 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Rate: \$139 Single/Double. Please call 225-924-6566 and identify yourself as attending the LCPA Louisiana State and Local Tax Workshop. **Block Release Date: June 4, 2008.** Reservations made after this date will be based on availability and possible higher rates. Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to arrival date and the guest must obtain a cancellation number.

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7:45 - 8:30 am
Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:00 am
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UPDATE
Cynthia Bridges • Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue • Baton Rouge, LA

Don't miss out on this chance to get your questions regarding the Department of Revenue answered! Cynthia Bridges, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue, speaks on tax modernization and offers a special Q&A session for Workshop Participants.

9:00 - 10:00 am
AN UPDATE ON THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX
Scott Peterson • Executive Director • Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, Inc. • Nashville, TN

Scott Peterson gives an update on the progress made by the states on the Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, including the amount of tax collected and the benefits for states and business.

10:00 - 10:15 am – **Break**

10:15 - 11:15 am
FEDERAL ACTIVITY AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON STATES AND STATE TAX TRENDS
Harley Duncan • Executive Director • Federation of Tax Administration • Washington, DC
Joe Huddleston • Executive Director • Multistate Tax Commission Washington, DC

Take part in a conversation with the leadership of the two national organizations of state tax officials. Harley Duncan of the Federation of Tax Administration and Joe Huddleston of the Multistate Tax Commission address proposed federal legislation affecting state taxation, the impact of the recession on state finances and how states are responding, and current developments in the taxation of multistate business activities.

11:15 am - 12:15 pm
STATE TAX POLICY ISSUES FROM A BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE
Fredrick J. Nicely, MBA, JD • Tax Counsel • Council on State Taxation (COST) • Washington, DC

The Council On State Taxation (COST) is a nonprofit trade association consisting of over 600 multistate corporations engaged in interstate and international business. Fred Nicely from COST addresses state tax policy issues from COST's perspective.

12:15 - 1:15 pm – **Lunch** (included)

1:15 - 2:25 pm
A FISCAL REGULAR, TWO SPECIALS, AND A REGULAR REGULAR (not a Deli Order), THE LEGISLATURE'S JUST BEEN BUSY
Robert S. Angelico, CPA, JD • Shareholder • Liskow Lewis • New Orleans, LA

Robert Angelico covers the state and local tax developments out of a very busy fiscal session in 2007, two special sessions early this year,

and the just-ended 2008 regular session. The last two years have seen numerous tax bills covering taxpayer breaks in many areas of tax and new incentive/credit programs.

2:25 - 3:25 pm
HOT TOPICS IN TAX LITIGATION AND AUDITS
Louis S. Nunes, III, JD • Partner • Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre • New Orleans, LA
Kimberly Robinson, JD • Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre • New Orleans, LA
Shone T. Pierre, JD • Assistant Secretary, Office of Legal Affairs • Louisiana Department of Revenue • Baton Rouge, LA

Do you really live in Texas? How limited is the liability on that partnership interest? If you've been pondering these questions, then you don't want to miss *Hot Topics in Tax Litigation and Audits*. Residency, nexus and further processing are just a few of the hot topics this panel discusses in their analysis of recent court decisions, pending litigation and current audit trends

3:25 - 3:40 pm – **Break**

3:40 - 4:40 pm
E-FILING INITIATIVES (Parish E-File system, Online Business Registration for State Taxes, and the IRS Modernization E-File Program)
Richard “Rick” Mekdessie • President • RAMware, L.L.C., “Sales Tax Manager” • Baton Rouge, LA
Jesse Pettyjohn • IT Customer Relations • Louisiana Department of Revenue • Baton Rouge, LA

This two-part session is the perfect way to get up-to-speed on the state's E-Filing Initiatives so you can smoothly bring your practice into the 21st century.

Beginning October 1st, 2008, a **Uniform Return and Remittance System** will be available to all parishes and will provide taxpayers with a simple, efficient, and cost effective means of transmitting accurate sales and use tax returns and remittances to political subdivisions of the state from a central site in the quickest manner possible. Get an overview of the **Parish E-File** system from Rick Mekdessie.

Since January 1st, 2008, the Louisiana Department of Revenue has offered Businesses the option of registering for a Louisiana Tax Account Number online. Starting this summer, the Louisiana Department of Revenue will offer the ability to file Business Taxes online via the Modernized E-Filing standards outlined by the IRS. Jesse Pettyjohn gives an overview of both the **Online Business Registration** program and updates you on the **IRS Modernization E-File Program**.

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